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Huntington Park City Council Performs Reorganization

City Honors Outgoing Mayor, Appoints New Mayor and Vice Mayor

HUNTINGTON PARK, California – Community members, students, families, staff and elected official representatives came together for the City of Huntington Park's annual reorganization ceremony, where outgoing Mayor Karina Macias was recognized for her yearlong service as mayor and a new mayor and vice mayor were appointed to serve through March of 2017.

"This is a bittersweet moment for me, I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as Mayor during such a crucial time in our city's history," said outgoing Mayor Karina Macias. "You may not agree with every decision I made as mayor, however I made decisions with the entire community in mind as I've always done and the city is certainly in a better place than it was when I first was elected in 2013."

The Huntington Park City Council appointed outgoing Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz to serve as mayor and Council Member Marilyn Sanabria to serve as incoming vice mayor.

"I am truly honored for this opportunity to serve Huntington Park's residents and community in this new capacity," said newly appointed Huntington Park Mayor Graciela Ortiz. "I want to thank my colleagues for having the confidence in me to elect me as mayor, I have no doubt that we have a rewarding year ahead of us."

Ortiz emphasized her priorities of ensuring fiscal solvency and a continued commitment to vital youth and senior programs such as the Huntington Park Express and youth recreational programs at city parks.

A lifelong Huntington Park resident and alumnus of Huntington Park High School, Ortiz also serves this community as a high school counselor. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) from California State University, Long Beach.

Sanabria noted that this is a time for celebration and stated that, "Huntington Park is moving forward and will continue to move forward. Thank you to my friends and family who have support me and I promise to continue to put my community first."

Improving city facilities and a renewed investment in city parks, while balancing the budget is a priority for Vice Mayor Sanabria.

A proud product of Huntington Park, Marilyn Sanabria attended local schools, and graduated from Huntington Park High School. She became the first member in her family to graduate from college, when she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from California State University, Long Beach.

"We congratulate and wholeheartedly thank Ms. Macias for her steadfast dedication and vision in moving our City forward," said City Manager Edgar Cisneros. "We welcome Ms. Ortiz as mayor and trust her commitment and hard work will continue to greatly enhance the city of Huntington Park."

Photo Caption:

Huntington Park City Council Reorganization: From left to right: incoming Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, outgoing Mayor Karina Macias, incoming Mayor Graciela Ortiz, and Council Member Jhonny Pineda at the annual Huntington Park City Council reorganization meeting on Mar. 1 at the Huntington Park City Council Chambers.

